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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

☐ a sequence listing

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b. format of material

☐ in written format

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>3-7</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1 and 2</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>3-7</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1 and 2</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1 and 2 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Gabry et al. Gabry et al teach in vivo administration of antalarmin in a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle comprising cremophor, ethanol, and saline. See, e.g., page 475, column 2, second full paragraph. Note that an intended use limitation such as "for increasing cytotoxic T-cell lytic activity" and "for treatment of human ovarian cancer" does not impart novelty or non-obviousness to product claims where the product is otherwise taught by the prior art.

Claims 3-7 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest measuring the level of cytotoxic T-cell lytic activity in cells or tissues which have been contacted with antalarmin, and do not teach or fairly suggest administering antalarmin to tumor-bearing animals, including patients with ovarian cancer. The prior art of record does not teach or suggest that antalarmin has any effect on cytotoxic T-cell lytic activity, on cancer in general, or on ovarian cancer specifically. While Pfizer, Inc. indicates that CRF antagonists have anticancer activity in general (see, e.g., claim 11), there is no teaching or suggestion that antalarmin specifically will act by increasing cytotoxic T-cell lytic activity or anti-tumor activity.

Claims 1-7 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry. The claimed invention would have been expected to have industrial applicability in the therapeutic treatment of tumors.